

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 3, and 5 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A magnetic disk device comprising:

magnetic disks;

magnetic head arms providing access to the magnetic disks; and

wind shield members each arranged above or below said magnetic disks in a region adjacent to and on the rotationally upstream side of said magnetic head arms for restricting the impact of an air flow generated by the rotation of the magnetic disks against the magnetic head arms; said wind shield members having an entrance edge and an exit edge, said exit edge being downstream of said entrance edge in a rotational direction of said air flow,

~~wherein an edge on the rotationally entrance side of said wind shield members~~
~~have~~ said entrance edge has a curved guide surface, looking perpendicular to surfaces of said magnetic disks, for guiding the generated air flow to the outside of the magnetic disks, and
wherein said entrance edge is concavely curved and is not parallel to said exit edge, which is convexly curved.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A magnetic disk device according to claim 1, wherein said wind shield members have a cross-sectional shape which becomes progressively smaller toward an edge thereof on the ~~rotationally~~ rotational exit side.

4. (Previously Presented) A magnetic disk device according to claim 1, wherein said wind shield members have surface portions arranged opposed to, and in proximity with, upper and lower surfaces of said magnetic disks, whereby the generated air flow is introduced between said surface portions and the magnetic disks thereby to prevent the magnetic disks from being displaced in the direction of the thickness thereof.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A magnetic disk device according to claim 1, A~~
magnetic disk device comprising:
magnetic disks;
magnetic head arms providing access to the magnetic disks; and
wind shield members each arranged above or below said magnetic disks in a
region adjacent to and on the rotationally upstream side of said magnetic head arms for
restricting the impact of an air flow generated by the rotation of the magnetic disks against
the magnetic head arms, said wind shield members having an entrance edge and an exit edge,
said exit edge being downstream of said entrance edge in a rotational direction of said air
flow,

wherein said entrance edge has a curved guide surface looking perpendicular to surfaces of said magnetic disks, for guiding the generated air flow to the outside of the magnetic disks,

wherein said entrance edge is not parallel to said exit edge, and

wherein said wind shield members are formed in a wind shield block, said wind shield block having a support post and said wind shield members transversely extending from said support post, said support post having a curved surrounding surface concentric with said magnetic disks and surrounding an outer periphery of the magnetic disks with a small gap therebetween.

6. (Previously Presented) A magnetic disk device comprising:

magnetic disks;

magnetic head arms providing access to the magnetic disks; and

wind shield members each arranged above or below said magnetic disks in a region adjacent to and on the rotationally upstream side of said magnetic head arms for restricting the impact of an air flow generated by the rotation of the magnetic disks against the magnetic head arms;

wherein said wind shield members are formed in a wind shield block, said wind shield block having a support post and said wind shield members transversely extending from said support post, said support post having a curved surrounding surface concentric with said

magnetic disks and surrounding an outer periphery of the magnetic disks with a small gap therebetween.

7. (Previously Presented) A magnetic disk device according to claim 6, wherein said wind shield members have a cross-sectional shape which becomes progressively smaller toward an edge thereof on the rotationally exit side.

8. (Previously Presented) A magnetic disk device comprising:
magnetic disks;
magnetic head arms providing access to the magnetic disks; and
wind shield members each arranged above or below said magnetic disks in a region adjacent to and on the rotationally upstream side of said magnetic head arms for restricting the impact of an air flow generated by the rotation of the magnetic disks against the magnetic head arms;

wherein said wind shield members have surface portions arranged opposed to, and in proximity with, upper and lower surfaces of said magnetic disks, whereby the generated air flow is introduced between said surface portions and the magnetic disks thereby to prevent the magnetic disks from being displaced in the direction of the thickness thereof, and

wherein the surface portion of the wind shielding member has an inner side facing the center of the disks, said inner side having a dimension greater than a dimension which is radially measured between the inner side and the outer periphery of the disks.

9. (Previously Presented) A magnetic disk device according to claim 8, wherein said wind shield members have a cross-sectional shape which becomes progressively smaller toward an edge thereof on the rotationally exit side.